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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF STATE POLICE

Special Licensing & Firearms Unit

# INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING TO BE AN <u>APPROVED</u> SECURITY OFFICERS FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR (BLUE CARD) <u>rev. 11-05</u>

Pursuant to Chapter 534, Section 29-161z (b), of the Connecticut General Statutes, all <u>Armed</u> Security Officers are mandated to take an 8-hour training and firearms qualification course and annually take a refresher course in order to receive and maintain the security firearms (blue card) endorsement in their Connecticut Permit to Carry Pistols or Revolvers. This course will insure that Armed Security Officers are trained and qualify with the firearms to be carried in their armed security employment.

The Commissioner of Public Safety shall approve individuals to teach the Security Firearms Course. To qualify as an instructor, applicants must possess one or more of the below listed minimum instructional credentials. Prior to instructor approval, applicants must also possess a Connecticut Permit to Carry Pistols or Revolvers, and the assigned permit number will be used as his approved instructor number.

- 1. Connecticut State Police or P.O.S.T. Firearms Instructor
- 2. FBI Firearms Instructor
- 3. NRA Security Firearms Instructor or NRA Police Firearms Instructor
- 4. Other recognized 40 hr. minimum firearms instructor certification, i.e., Smith & Wesson Academy, SIGARMS Academy, etc.

The Commissioner of Public Safety, at his discretion, may grant a Security Officer Firearms endorsement to any applicant who has demonstrated that he has met the 8-hour firearms training and qualification requirement by virtue of experience, past employment or previous training, within the past 5 yrs.

The applicant must also provide a **complete** lesson plan with all supporting documentation as mentioned below. The Uniformed or Non-Uniformed Security Officer Handgun course shall contain a minimum of (8) eight hours of classroom instruction, which shall cover at least the below subjects, plus the range qualification. Only those course lesson plans submitted to and approved by the Department of Public Safety shall be conducted. The required subjects are listed below:

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- 1. An Introduction to Handguns, Familiarization and Nomenclature (1/2 hour).
- 2. Handgun Safety, including Home, Range, and Worksite. (1 hour)
- 3. Basic Fundamentals of Handgun Shooting (1 hour).
  - a. Grip, Stance, Sight Alignment, Breathing Control, Trigger Control, and Follow Through
- 4. Handgun Liability / Use of Force / Use of Deadly Force (2.5 hour).
  - a. Connecticut Firearm Laws.
  - b. 53a-3- Definitions, 53a-19- Use of Physical Force in Defense of Person, 53a-20- Use of Physical Force in Defense of Premises, 53a-21- Use of Physical Force in Defense of Property, and 53a-22- Use of Force in Making Arrest or Preventing Escape, etc.
  - c. Law Enforcement, Use of Force Continuum, etc.
- 5. Handgun Practical Shooting Techniques, Positions / Drawing / Reloading (1 hour).
- 6. Handgun Care / Cleaning and Safe Storage. (Storage Laws) (1 hour).
- 7. Handgun (plus long guns if taught) Written Exam to cover topical material, with a minimum passing score of 70% (up to 1 hour).
- 8. Plus the required Handgun Qualification Course, (time as needed).

The qualification course will be shot using two-law enforcement or NRA training targets and 50 rounds of ammunition. The handgun(s) and ammunition used to qualify must be the same one used by the applicant while on duty. A separate scorecard must be submitted for each firearm to be carried. A score of 240 out of a possible 300 will be the minimum passing score.

Long guns, such as rifles and shotguns, are **optional**. If long guns are taught, an additional similar minimum lesson plan and qualification is required.







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The Annual Firearms Training Refresher Course for Armed Security Officers shall contain a minimum of 4 hours of classroom instruction covering the below subjects, plus the range qualification:

- 1. Firearms Safety, including Range, Worksite, Home, Handgun Care, Cleaning, and Safe Storage (1.5 hours)
- 2. Basic Fundamentals of Handgun Shooting, Handgun Practical Shooting Techniques, Positions, Drawing, and Reloading (1.5 hours)
  - a. Grip, Stance, Sight Alignment, Breathing Control, Trigger Control, and Follow Through
- 3. Firearms Liability / Use of Force / Use of Deadly Force (1 hour)
  - a. Connecticut Firearms Laws
  - b. 53a-3 Definitions, 53a-19 Use of Physical Force in Defense of Person, 53a-20 Use of Physical Force in Defense of Premises, 53a-21 Use of Physical Force in Defense of Property, and 53a-22 Use of Force in Making Arrest or Preventing Escape, etc.
  - c. Law Enforcement Use of Force Continuum, etc.
- 4. Handgun (plus long guns if taught) Written Exam to cover topical material, with a minimum passing score of 70%.
- 5. Plus the required Handgun Qualification Course (time as needed). NOTE: This course will be the same as the initial Handgun Qualification Course.

All instructors **MUST** retain the make and model of each firearm used by a student during training and the qualifying score of each student with each firearm for a minimum of six (6) years. This information is necessary to insure compliance with Chapter 534, Section 29-161z(b) and its regulations.

All questions and concerns regarding these training requirements should be directed to the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit, ATTN: Security Officer Firearms Training Instructors.







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# THIS IS THE SUGGESTED HANDGUN QUALIFICATION COURSE FOR A CONNECTICUT SECURITY OFFICERS FIREARMS ENDORSEMENT. (BLUE CARD)

The Firearms Qualification Course will be shot using two-law enforcement or NRA training targets and 50 rounds of ammunition. The handgun(s) and ammunition used to qualify must be the same used by the applicant while on duty. A separate scorecard must be submitted for each firearm to be carried. A score of 240 out of a possible 300 will be the minimum passing score.

3 yards (6 rounds) On command, draw utilizing a one-hand hold and fire two rounds center chest and one round into the head, first target, then two chest, one head into the second target. Do not holster until the command is given to holster.

5 yards (9 rounds) On command, draw utilizing a two-hand hold, fire two-center chest, one head into first target. As you go to the second target, place the gun in your weak hand and fire two center chest and one head, keeping the gun in your weak hand go to first target and fire two center chest and one head.

7 yards (15 rounds) On command, draw utilizing a two hand hold and fire five rounds standing no more than two at a time at a target, then ten rounds kneeling, no more than two rounds at a target at a time. Reload when needed. All rounds into center chest no more headshots.

12 yards (10 rounds) On command, draw utilizing a two-hand hold and fire five rounds standing, and five rounds kneeling. All center chest. No more than two rounds at a target at a time.

20 yards (5 rounds) On command, draw utilizing a two-hand hold, and fire three rounds standing, and two rounds kneeling. All center chest. No more than two rounds at a target at a time.

25 yards (5 rounds) On command, draw and get into a prone position and fire three prone, and then two kneeling. No more than two rounds at a target at a time. All center chest.

NOTE: STUDENTS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO UTILIZE COVER WHERE APPROPRIATE.

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## SECURITY OFFICER'S FIREARMS (BLUE CARD) INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION SHEET

Instructor:	Name
	DOB
	Address
	City, State, & Zip
	Telephone
Company:	Name
	Address
	City, State, & Zip
	Telephone
Class Locations:	1)
	2)
	3)
Ranges Used:	1)
	2)

ALL INSTRUCTORS MUST SUBMIT A PROPER ADDRESS FOR A HOME ADDRESS. POST OFFICE BOXES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.